

CMAQ Project Selection Committee November 10, 1999
Meeting Agreements

1. The Lake Bluff intersection improvement of IL 131 at IL 176 (II1036) was withdrawn. Several technical corrections were also noted, including the federal share of the Aurora commuter parking project and the limits and scope of the North Avenue signal interconnect project in Chicago. Except as noted above, the program as presented for public comment was recommended to the Work Program Committee for its consideration on a motion by Mr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Buehler.
2. Staff will investigate the appropriateness of splitting the current transit category. Separating capital and operating projects will be considered.
3. Projects at transit stations serving as end line termini will be studied to determine if they should use a different evaluation methodology than in-line stations.
4. The methodology to evaluate station shuttle projects will be reviewed. CATS staff will examine the Hoffman Estate shuttle proposal to determine the best type of service to meet the travel demand.
5. No minimum project cost will be established. The project submittal booklet will note that the CMAQ Committee does take into consideration factors other than project VOC elimination ranking, and that minimum cost has been discussed. Staff will note the effort involved in federalizing projects. Further, staff will identify low-cost projects submitted, contact the sponsor and discuss the possibility of using other funds.
6. The committee will monitor the amount of unfunded construction for approved CMAQ projects, with the goal of reducing that amount as the end of TEA-21 draws near.
7. Beginning in FY 2001, selected projects with a total cost under \$500,000 will be funded in full (not leaving construction unfunded).
8. CMAQ staff will be consulted before any CMAQ project is submitted as a Transportation Control Measure (TCM).
9. Staff will develop CMAQ program balances during the first quarter of calendar 2000. The committee will decide at that time if action needs to be taken before the next scheduled program cycle.
10. For subsequent programs, the detailed ranking sheets will include a note indicating highway projects that accommodate transit services.